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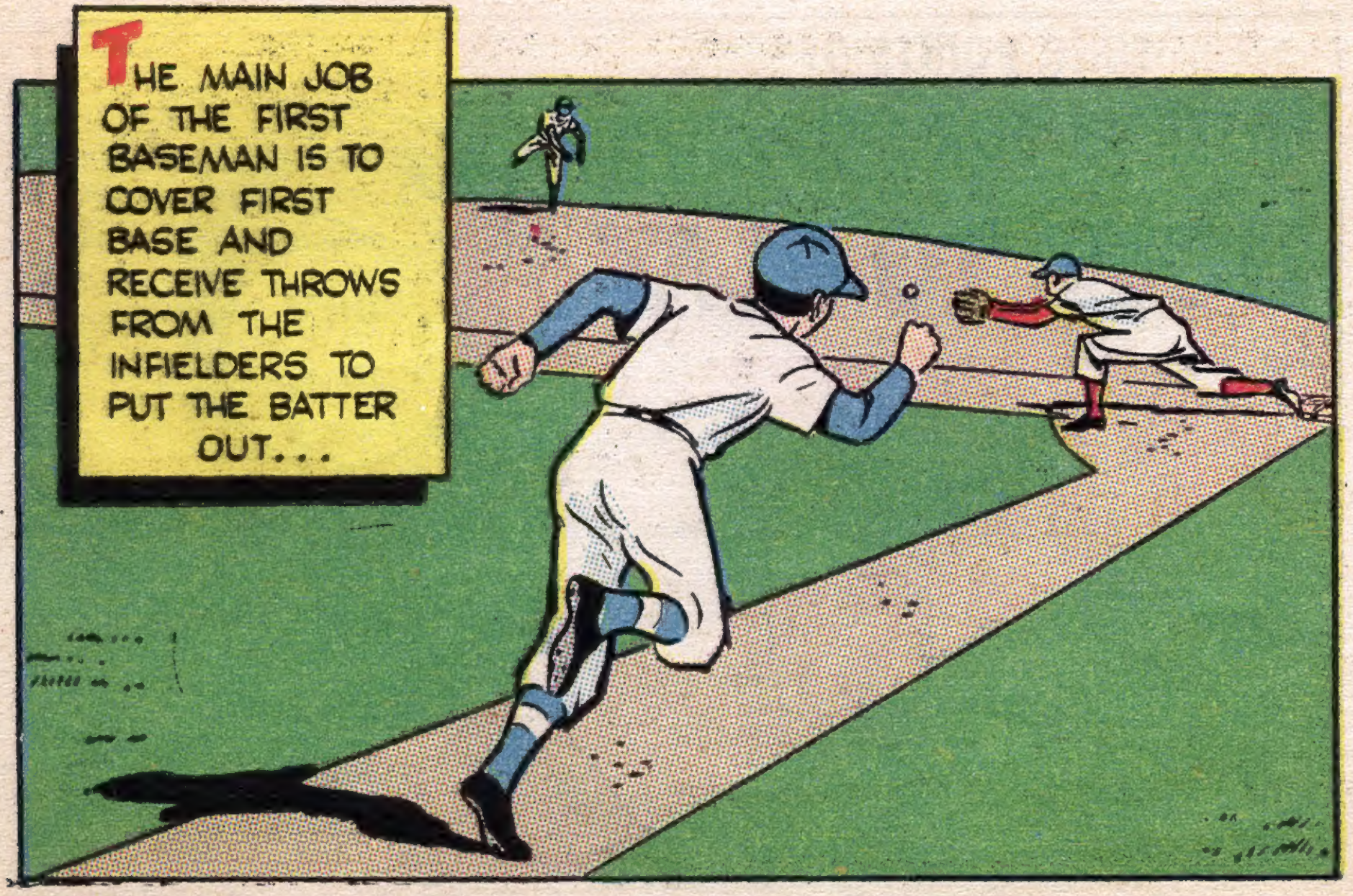
BASEBALL FOR EVERYONE

HOW TO PLAY

FIRST BASE

HINTS FOR LITTLE, JUNIOR, MIDGET, BABE RUTH PLAYERS



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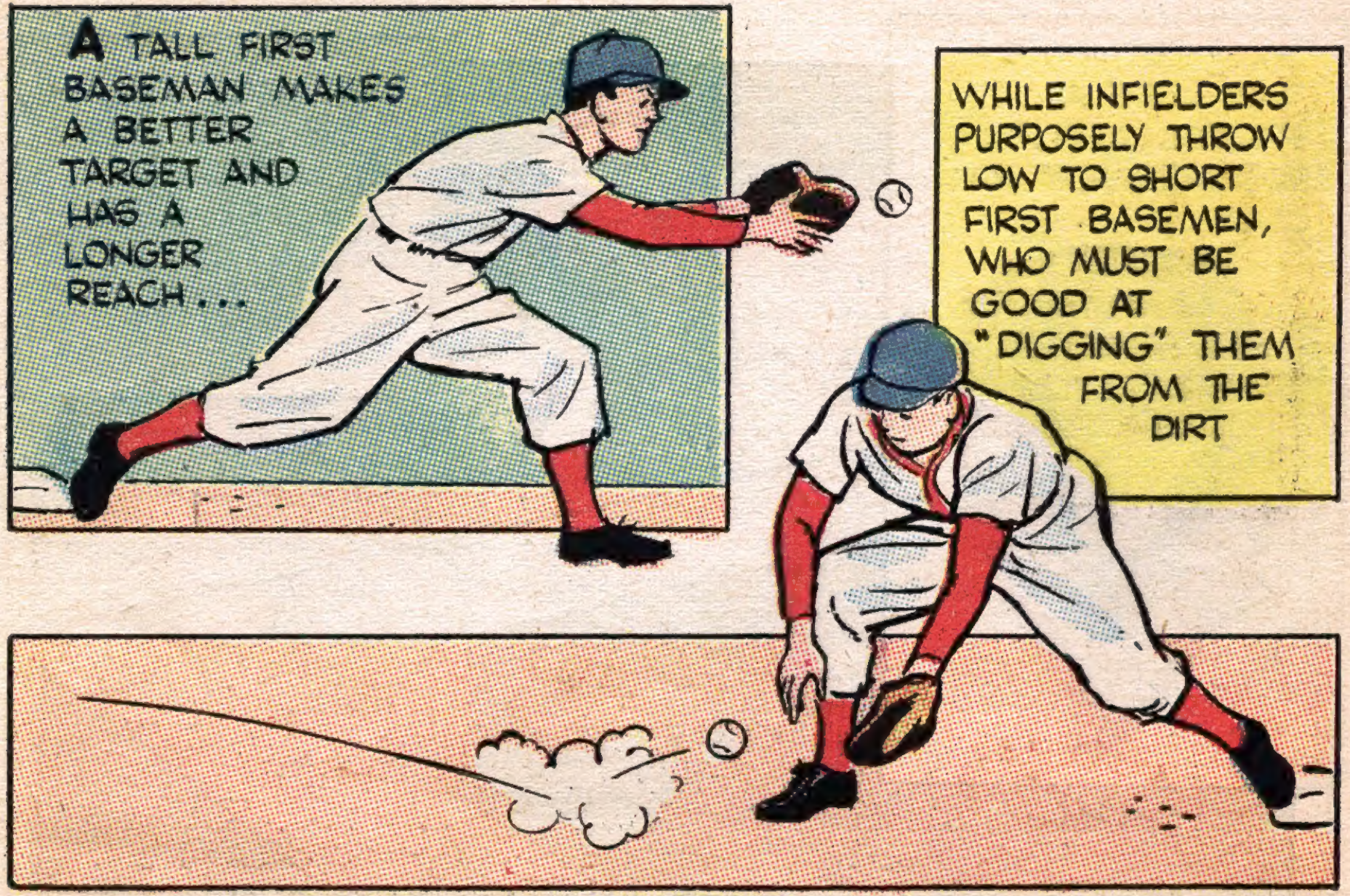
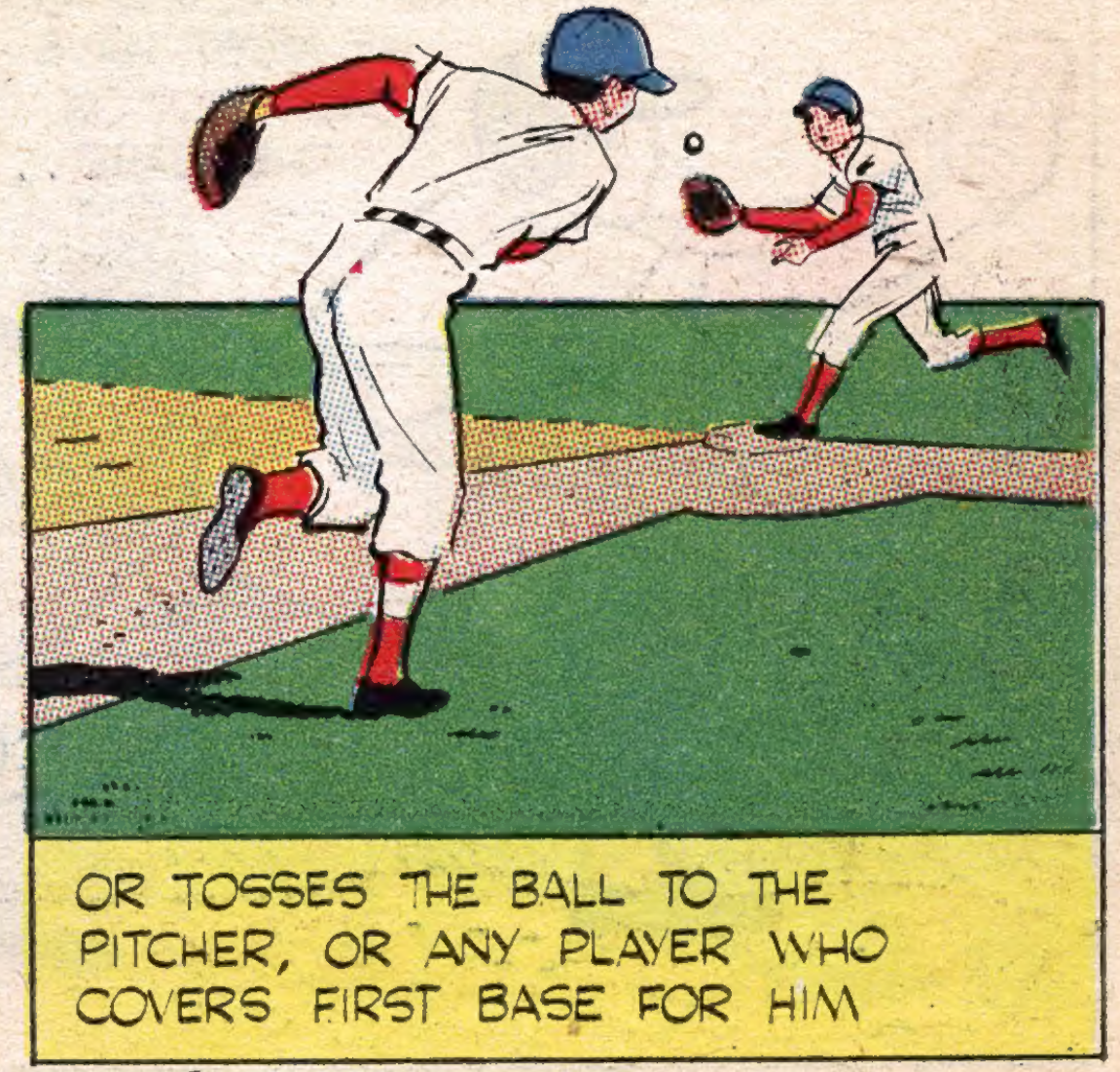
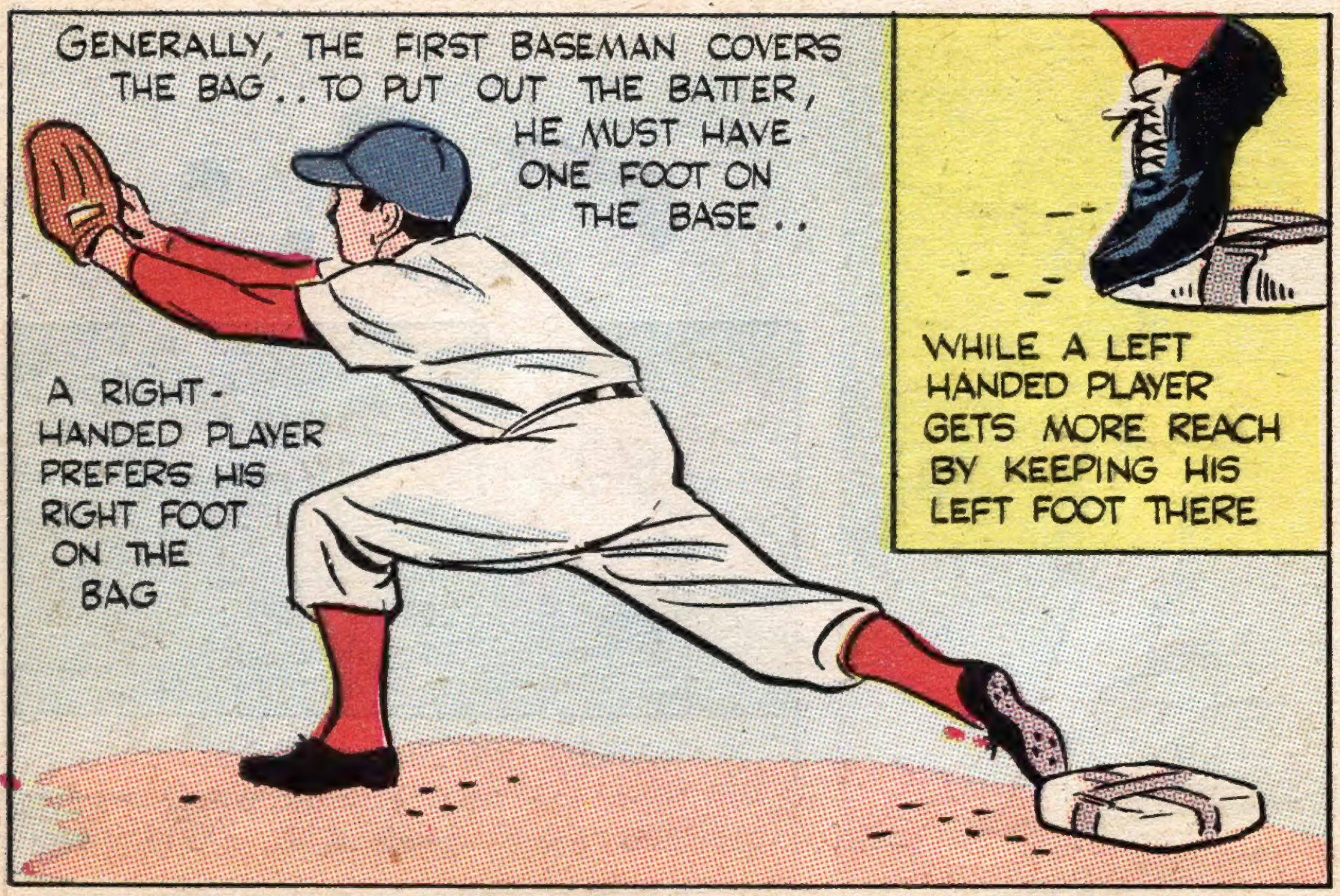

A TALL FIRST BASEMAN MAKES A BETTER TARGET AND HAS A LONGER REACH . . .
WHILE INFIELDERS PURPOSELY THROW LOW TO SHORT FIRST BASEMEN, WHO MUST BE GOOD AT "DIGGING" THEM FROM THE DIRT

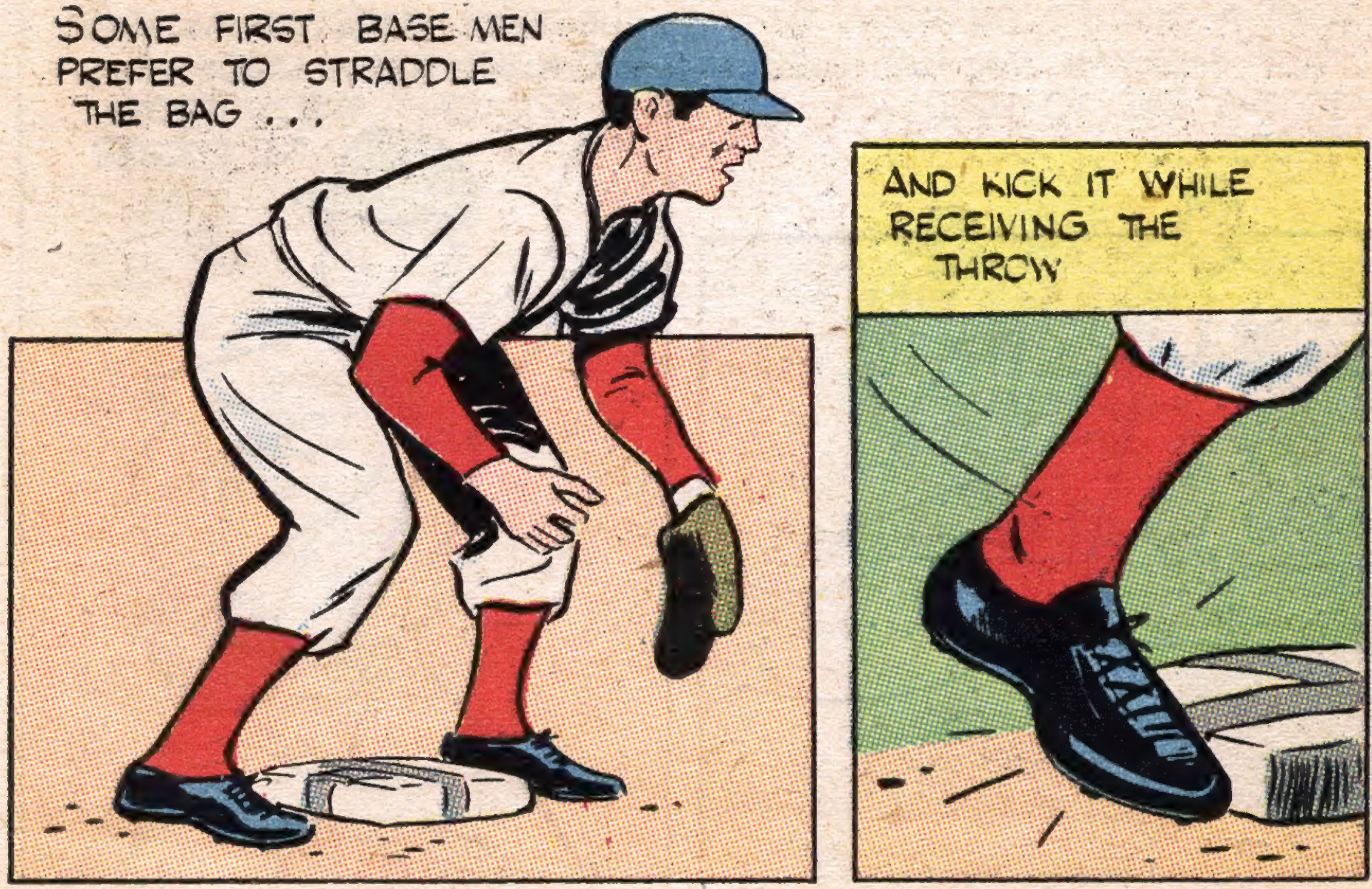
THE FIRST BASE-MAN USES A SPECIAL MITT, DESIGNED FOR HIM ONLY . . .

NORMALLY, HE PLAYS WELL AWAY FROM THE BAG, TO COVER MORE GROUND ON BALLS HIT TOWARD HIM

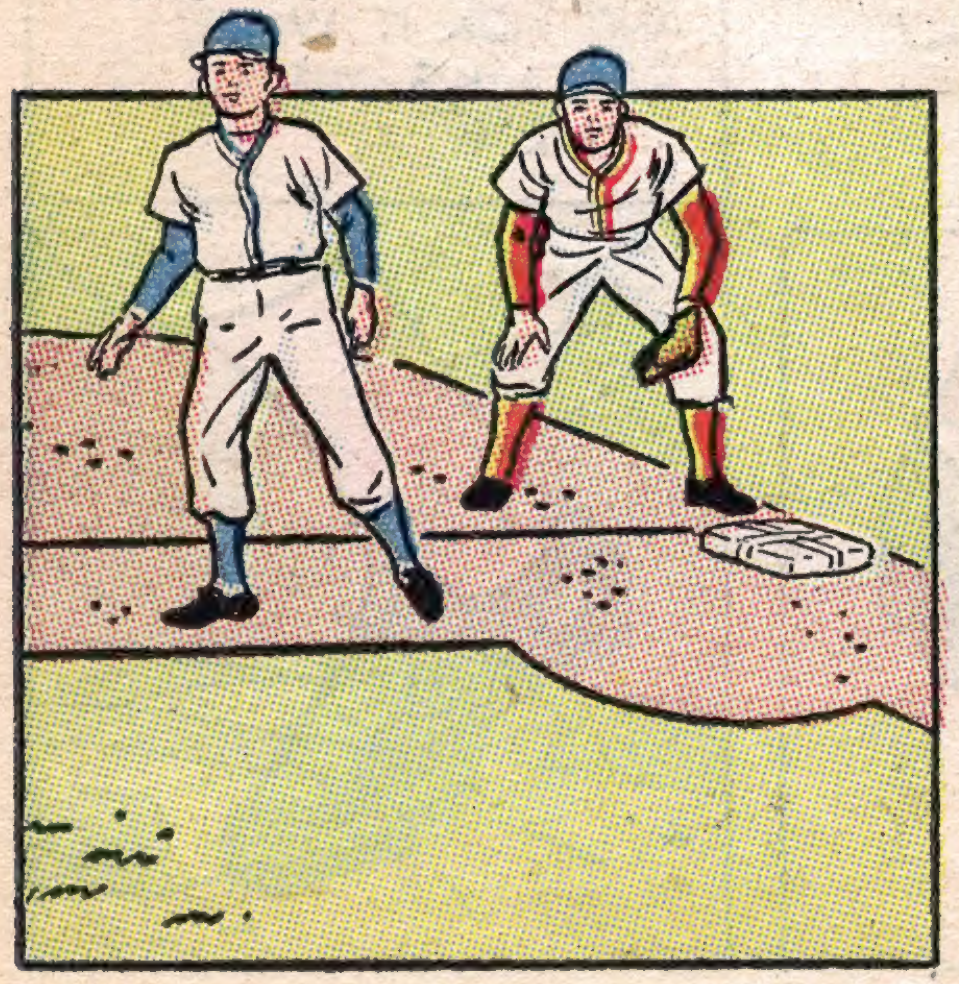
AFTER FIELDING A GROUNDER, THE FIRST BASEMAN EITHER OUTRACES THE BATTER TO THE BAG . . .


OR TOSSES THE BALL TO THE PITCHER, OR ANY PLAYER WHO COVERS FIRST BASE FOR HIM

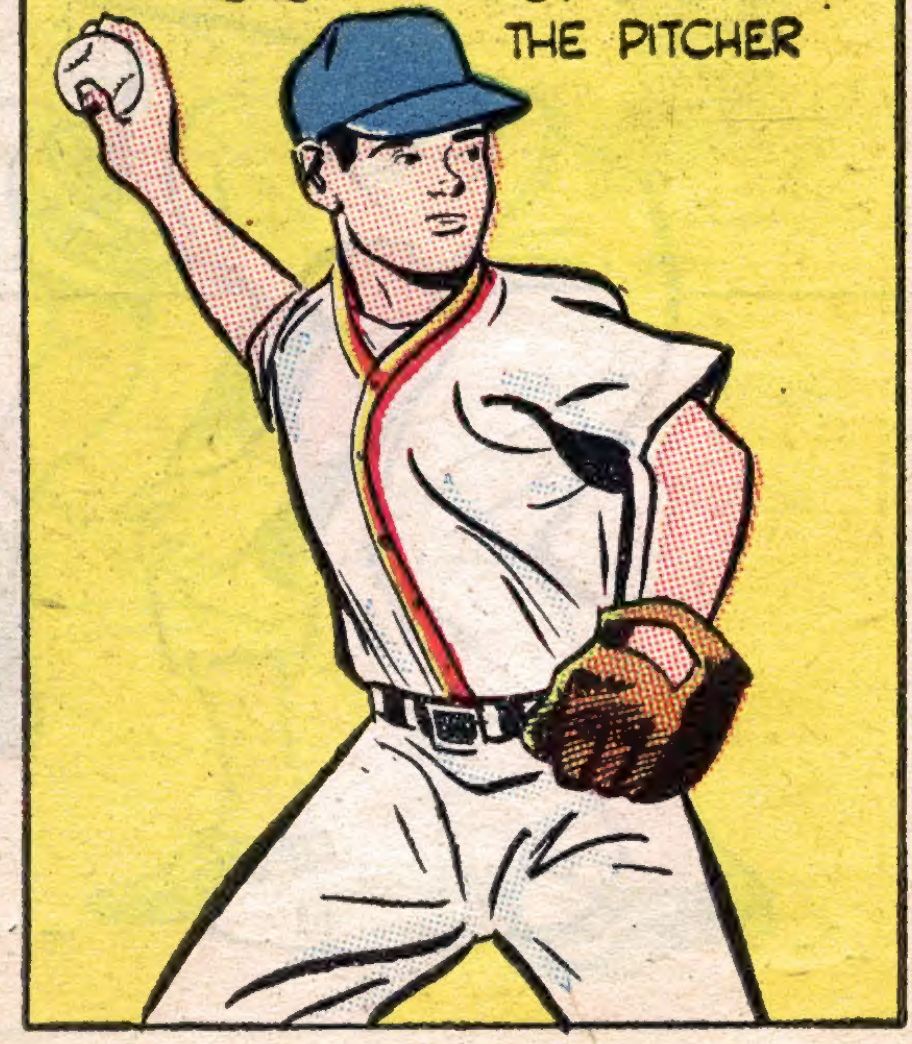

GENERALLY, THE FIRST BASEMAN COVERS THE BAG.. TO PUT OUT THE BATTER, HE MUST HAVE ONE FOOT ON THE BASE..
A RIGHT-HANDED PLAYER PREFERS HIS RIGHT FOOT ON THE BAG
WHILE A LEFT HANDED PLAYER GETS MORE REACH BY KEEPING HIS LEFT FOOT THERE

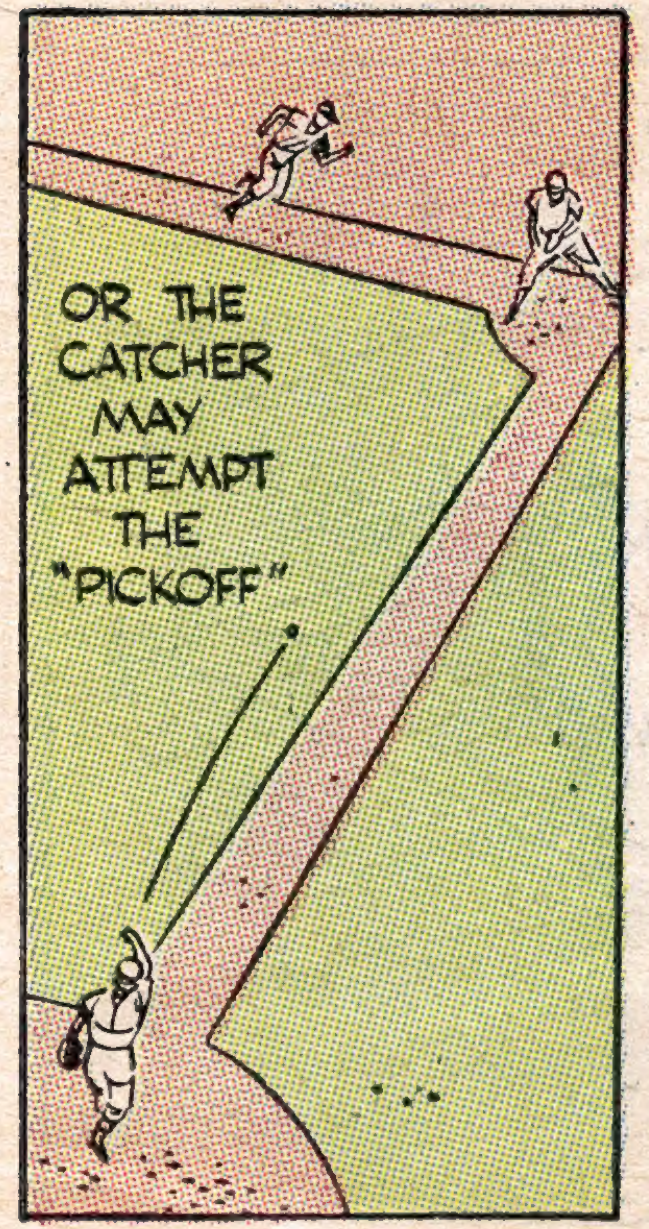

SOME FIRST BASE MEN PREFER TO STRADDLE THE BAG . . .
AND KICK IT WHILE RECEIVING THE THROW

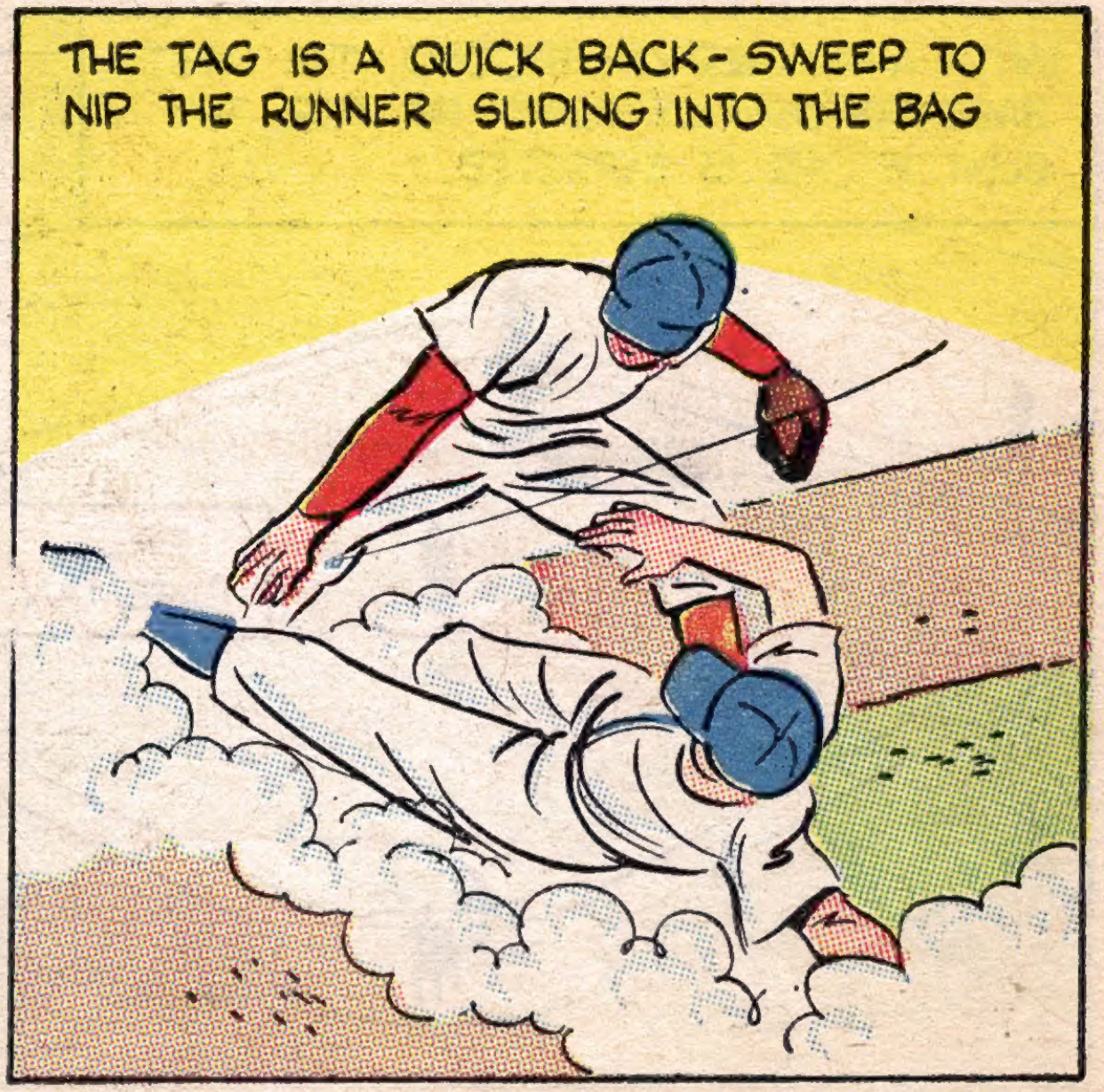
WITH A RUNNER ON FIRST, THE FIRST BASEMAN MAY PLAY CLOSE TO THE BAG TO HOLD HIM THERE . . .

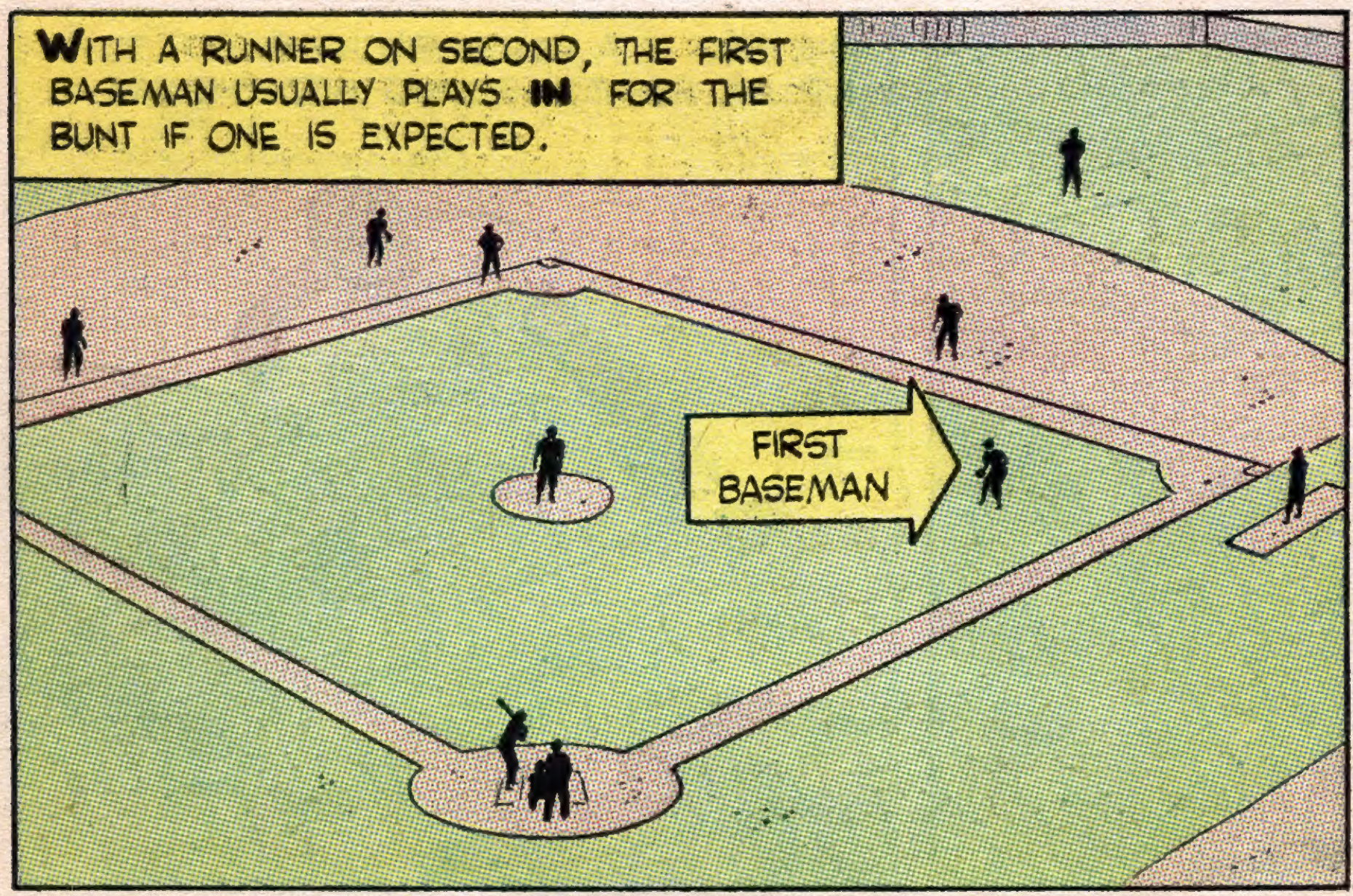


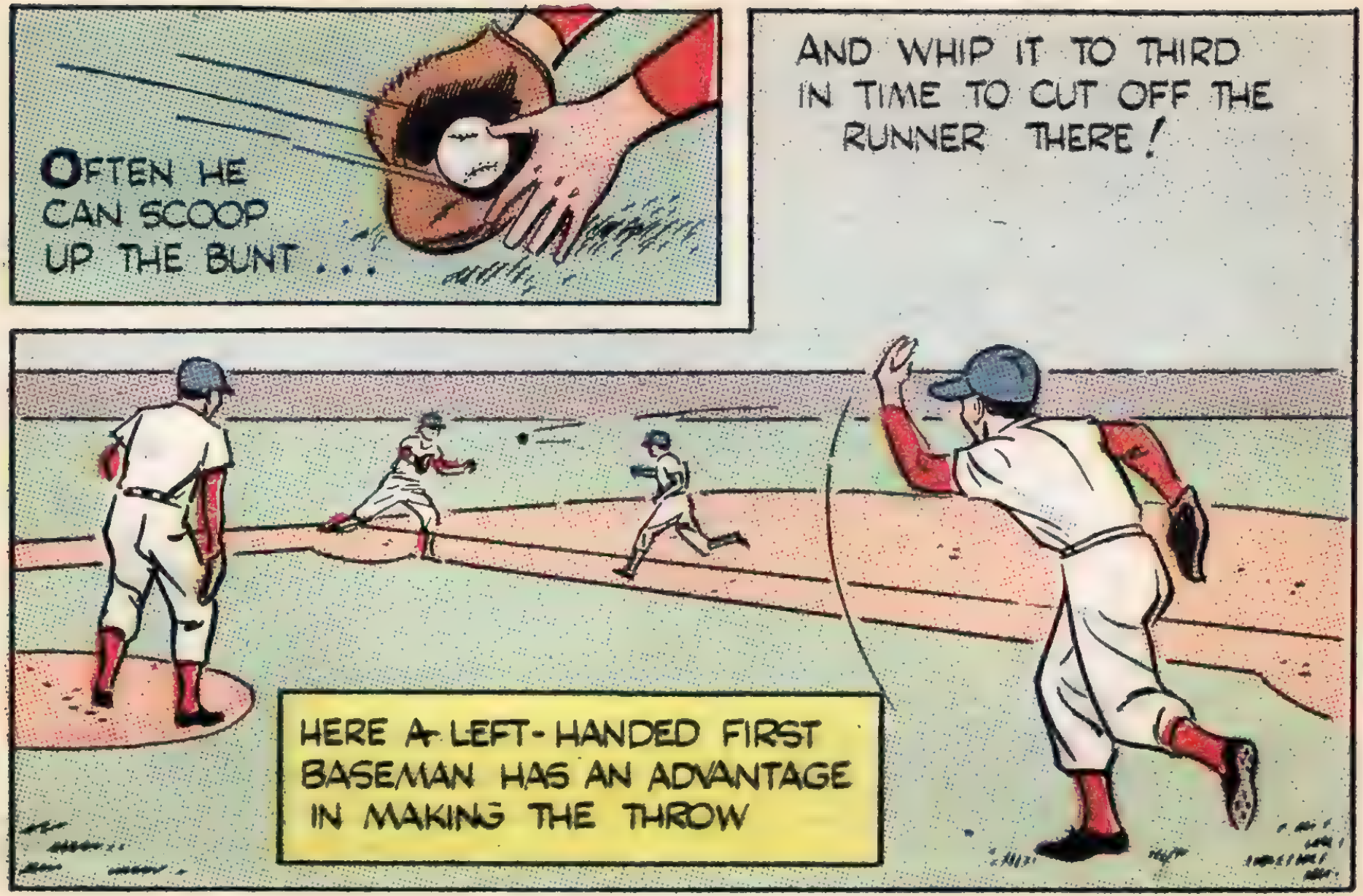
THE FIRST BASEMAN MUST BE ALERT FOR A QUICK "PICKOFF" THROW FROM THE PITCHER



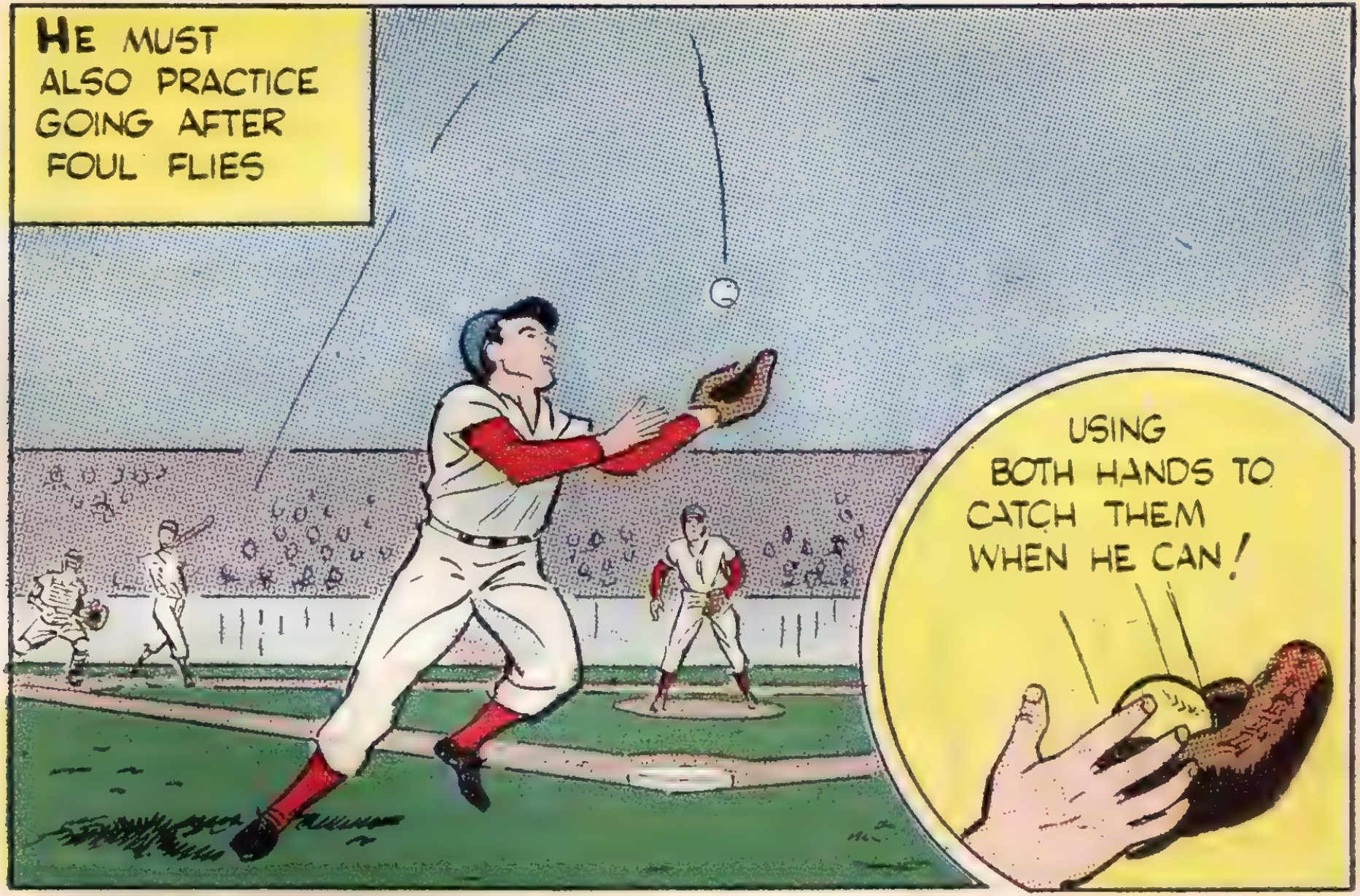

OR THE CATCHER MAY ATTEMPT THE "PICKOFF"

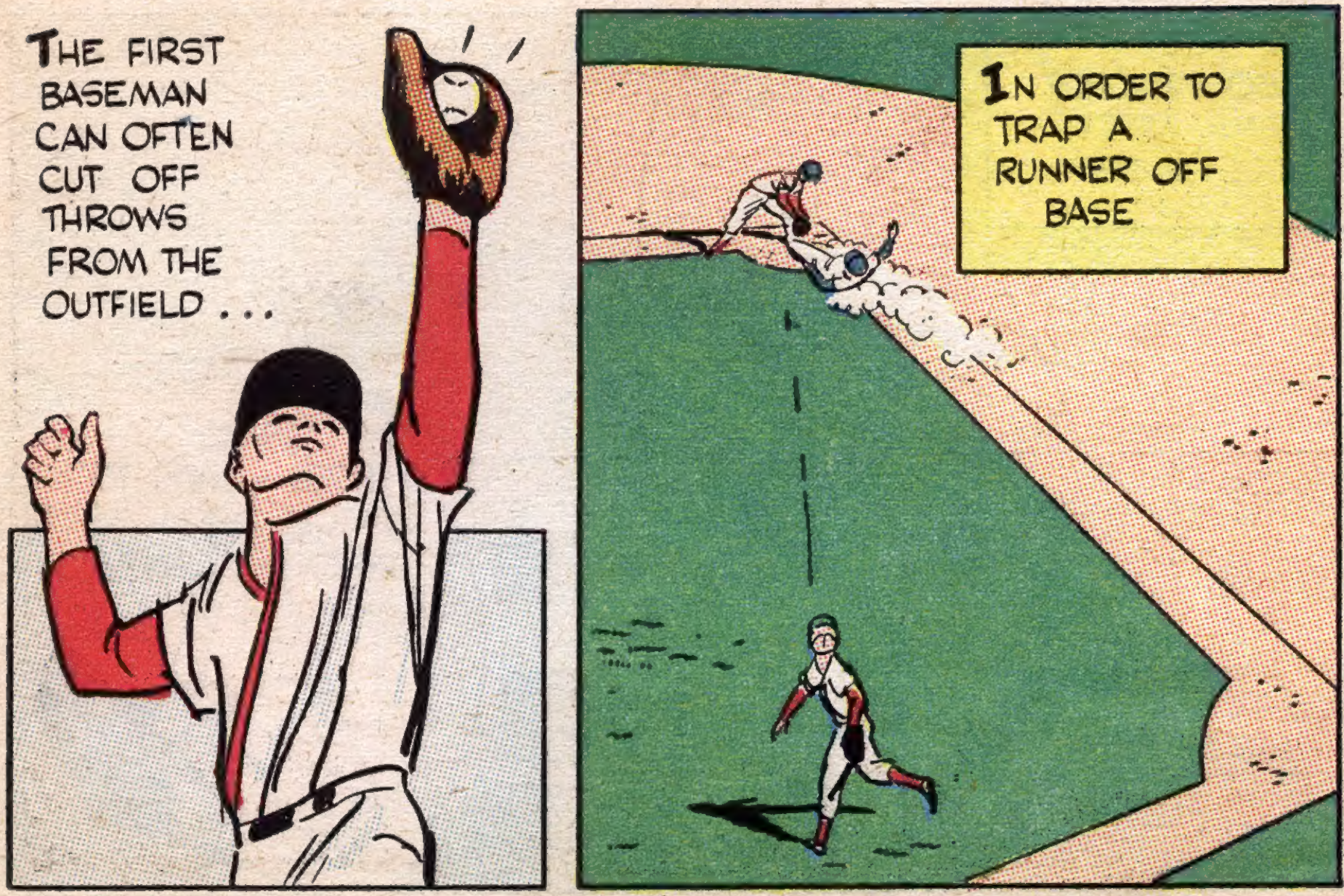

THE TAG IS A QUICK BACK-SWEEP TO NIP THE RUNNER SLIDING INTO THE BAG

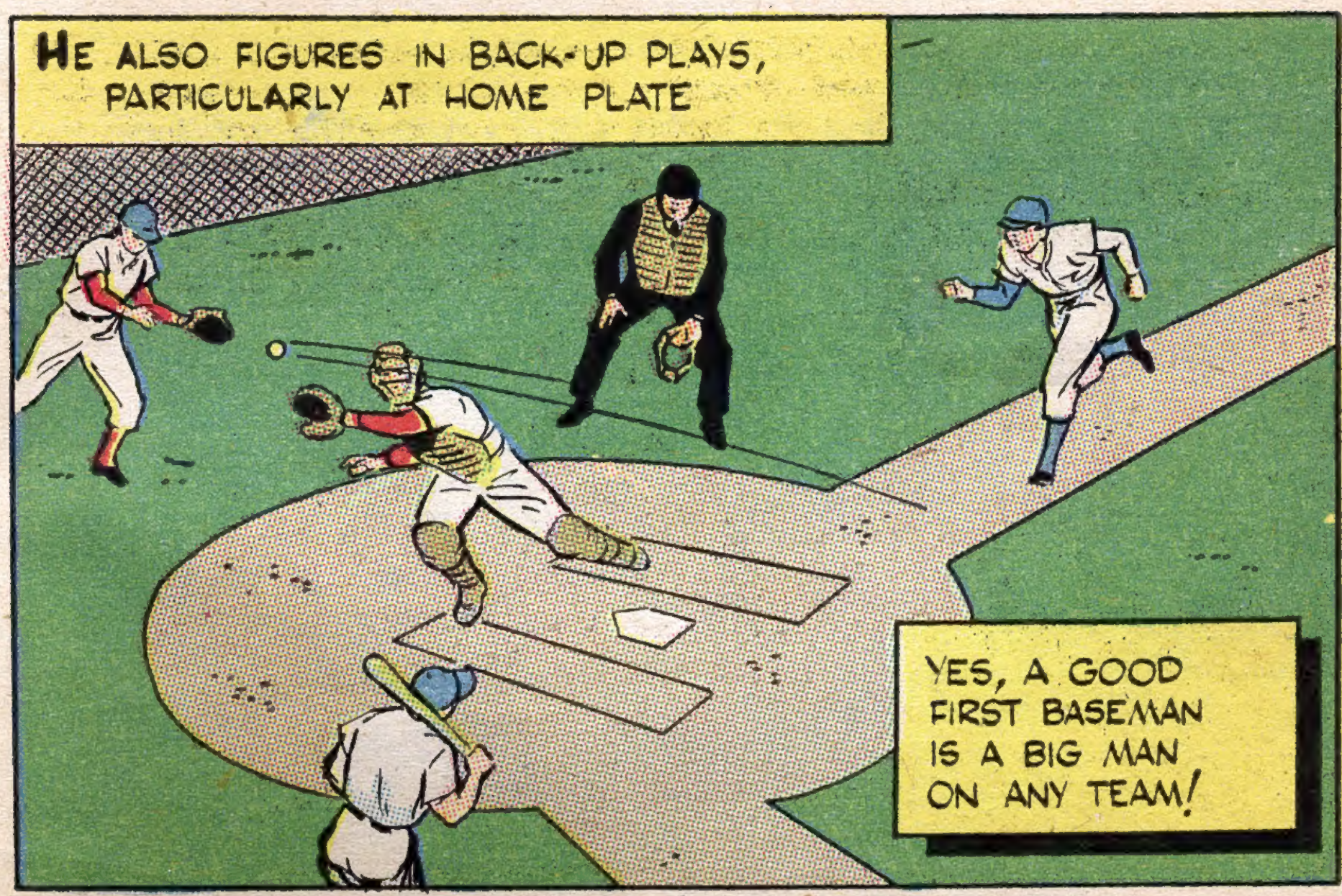

WITH A RUNNER ON SECOND, THE FIRST BASEMAN USUALLY PLAYS IN FOR THE BUNT IF ONE IS EXPECTED.
FIRST BASEMAN


OFTEN HE CAN SCOOP UP THE BUNT . . .
AND WHIP IT TO THIRD IN TIME TO CUT OFF THE RUNNER THERE!
HERE A LEFT-HANDED FIRST BASEMAN HAS AN ADVANTAGE IN MAKING THE THROW

BECAUSE OF HIS BIG MITT, THE FIRST BASEMAN IS THE LOGICAL MAN TO TAKE HIGH FLIES IN THE INFIELD
I'VE GOT IT!


HE MUST ALSO PRACTICE GOING AFTER FOUL FLIES
USING BOTH HANDS TO CATCH THEM WHEN HE CAN!


THE FIRST BASEMAN CAN OFTEN CUT OFF THROWS FROM THE OUTFIELD . . .
1 IN ORDER TO TRAP A RUNNER OFF BASE


HE ALSO FIGURES IN BACK-UP PLAYS, PARTICULARLY AT HOME PLATE
YES, A GOOD FIRST BASEMAN IS A BIG MAN ON ANY TEAM!

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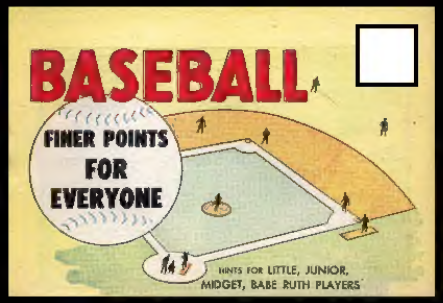

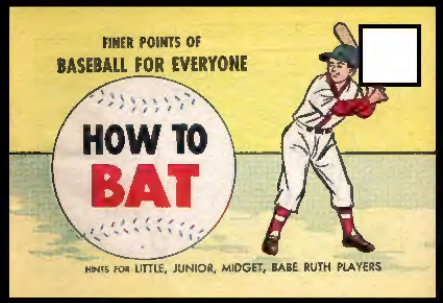

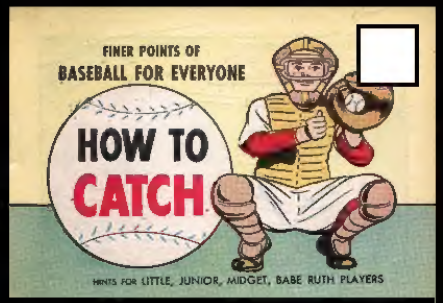

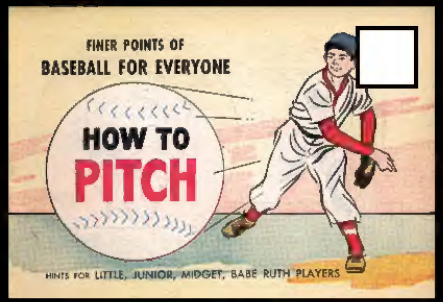

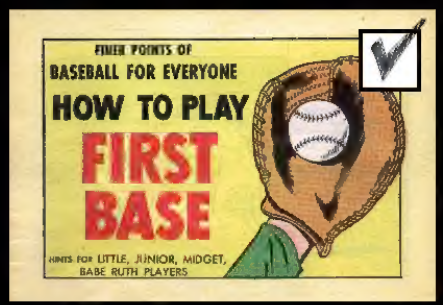

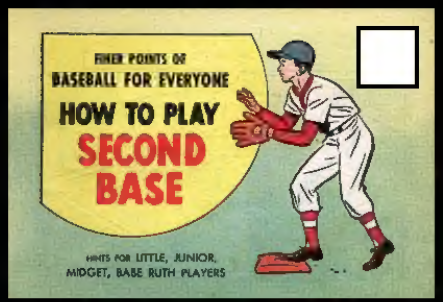

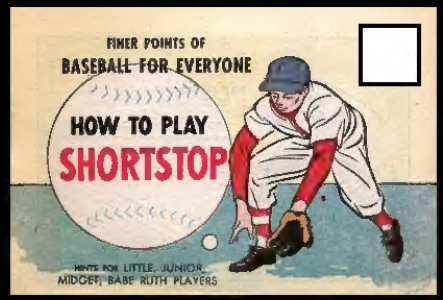

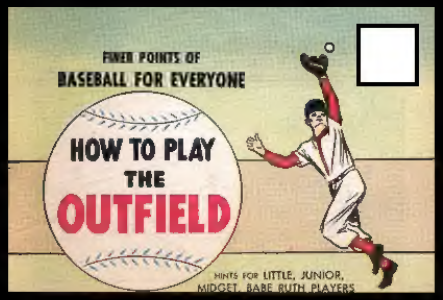

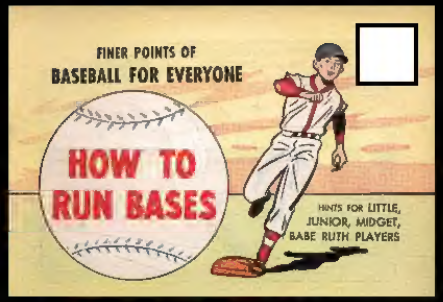

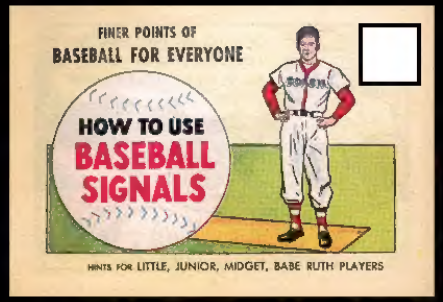

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